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In re the Application of: **GARVEY et al**

Application No: **NOT YET ASSIGNED**

Divisional of Application No: 09/145,143

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Title: **NITROSATED AND NITROSYLATED ALPHA-ADRENERGIC RECEPTOR
ANTAGONIST COMPOUNDS, COMPOSITIONS AND THEIR USES**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to consideration of the above application on the merits, please enter the following amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, delete lines 5-7 in their entirety and insert -- This application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/145,143, filed September 1, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/714,313, filed September 18, 1996, issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,994,294, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/595,732, filed February 2, 1996, issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,932,538; and is a continuation-in-part of PCT/US97/01294, filed January 28, 1997.

Page 48, line 12,

delete " $\text{H}_2\text{N}-\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{H})-(\text{CH}_2)_x-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}-\text{C}(\text{CH}_2\text{SNO})-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ " and

insert -- $\text{H}_2\text{N}-\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{H})-(\text{CH}_2)_x-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2\text{SNO})-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-34, without prejudice.

Please add the following claims: